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In re application of

Shigeru UMINO et al.

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STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING Confirmation No. 5155

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A steel sheet having surface-treated zinc-based plating comprising a zinc-based plating layer, a chromium-free conductive intermediate layer containing a metal salt of an acid and an organic resin layer containing said metal salt of said acid, all of the layers being superimposed one on another in the order mentioned.

